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THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI (ADMINISTRATION)
REGULATION, 1988

No. 2 OF 1988

Promulgated by the President in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Republic
of India.

A Regulation to make provisions for the administration of the Union
territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and for matters connected
therewith.

In exercise of the powers conferred by article 240 of the Constitution,
the President is pleased to promulgate the following Regulation made by
him:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. (1) This Regulation may be called the Dadra and Nagar Haveli
(Administration) Regulation, 1988.

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(2) It extends to the whole of the Union territory of Dadra and Nagar
Haveli.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government
may, by notification in the Gazette of India, appoint.

2. In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Union
territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli appointed by the President under
article 239 of the Constitution;

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tions.

- (b) "Collector" means the Collector of Dadra and Nagar Haveli;
- (c) "Official Gazette" means the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Gazette;
- (d) "Panchayat" means a Panchayat established under section 3 of the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Village Panchayats Regulation, 1965; 3 of 1965.
- (e) "Pradesh Council" means the Pradesh Council constituted under section 3;
- (f) "Sarpanch" shall have meaning assigned to it in the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Village Panchayats Regulation, 1965; 3 of 1965.
- (g) "Union territory" means the Union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli;
- (h) "Varishta Panchayat" means the Varishta Panchayat in existence immediately before the 11th day of August, 1961 as re-constituted from time to time in accordance with the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Village Panchayats Regulation, 1965; 3 of 1965.

CHAPTER II

PRADESH COUNCIL

**Constitution of
Pradesh
Council
and its
composition.**

3. (1) As soon as may be after the commencement of this Regulation, there shall be constituted a Pradesh Council for the Union territory consisting of the following members, namely:—

- (a) the Administrator;
 - (b) the member of the House of the People representing the Union territory;
 - (c) Collector;
 - (d) Sarpanchs of Panchayats; and
 - (e) not more than three persons, including a woman, if no woman becomes a member of the Pradesh Council under any of the foregoing clauses, not being persons in the service of the Government, to be nominated by the Administrator.
- (2) Any member referred to in clauses (a) to (d) of sub-section (1) shall cease to be such member when he ceases to hold the office by virtue of which he became such member.
- (3) On the constitution of a Pradesh Council under sub-section (1), the Varishta Panchayat in existence immediately before the date of such constitution shall stand dissolved and every member of the Varishta Panchayat holding office as such immediately before such constitution shall, notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, cease to hold that office.

**Disqualifications
for
membership of
Pradesh
Council.**

4. A person shall be disqualified for being nominated as, and for being, a member of the Pradesh Council if he has incurred or incurs any of the disqualifications specified in section 12 of the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Village Panchayats Regulation, 1965; 3 of 1965.

Provided that a person shall not be disqualified under this section merely on the ground of his holding the office by virtue of which he becomes, or has been nominated as, such member.

5. The Pradesh Council, unless sooner dissolved, shall continue for four years from the date appointed for its first meeting and no longer, and the expiration of the said period of four years shall operate as a dissolution of the Pradesh Council:

Duration
of the
Pradesh
Council.

Provided that the Administrator may, with the previous approval of the President, by order in writing, extend the said period by a period or periods not exceeding one year in the aggregate, and every such order shall be notified in the Official Gazette.

6. (1) A member of the Pradesh Council referred to in clause (e) of sub-section (1) of section 3 may resign his office as such member by intimating in writing his intention to do so to the Administrator and such resignation shall take effect from the date of its receipt by the Administrator.

Resigna-
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(2) A casual vacancy in the membership of the Pradesh Council under clause (e) of sub-section (1) of section 3 shall be filled by nomination in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation:

Provided that a member nominated under this sub-section shall hold office only for the remainder of the term of office of the member in whose place he is nominated.

7. Every member (other than the Administrator) of the Pradesh Council shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Administrator or some person appointed in that behalf by him, and the Administrator shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before some person appointed in that behalf by the Central Government, an oath or affirmation according to the form set out for the purpose in the First Schedule.

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8. No act or proceeding of the Pradesh Council shall be invalid by reason only of the existence of any vacancy among its members or of any defect in the constitution thereof.

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9. (1) The Administrator shall, from time to time, summon the Pradesh Council to meet at such time and place as he thinks fit, but six months shall not intervene between its last sitting in one session and the date appointed for its first sitting in the next session.

(2) The Administrator may, from time to time,—

(a) prorogue the Pradesh Council;

(b) with the approval of the President, dissolve the Pradesh Council.

10. (1) The Pradesh Council may discuss and make recommendations to the Administrator on—

(a) matters of administration, relating to the Union territory,

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involving general questions of policy and schemes of development in so far as they relate to matters enumerated in the State List or in the Concurrent List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution;

(b) the five-year plans and annual plan proposals for the development of the Union territory;

(c) the estimated receipts and expenditure pertaining to the Union territory to be credited to, and to be met from, the Consolidated Fund of India;

(d) proposals for undertaking legislation for the Union territory with respect to any of the matters enumerated in the State List or in the Concurrent List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution;

(e) any other matter which the Administrator may refer to the Pradesha Council for consideration and advice.

(2) Subject to rules regulating the procedure of the Pradesha Council and subject to the discretion of the Administrator to refuse to give information or to allow discussion on any subject in the public interest, every member of the Pradesha Council shall have the right to ask questions on matters of public interest enumerated in the State List or in the Concurrent List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution in so far as such matters relate to the Union territory.

Administrator to preside at meetings of Pradesha Council.

11. (1) The Administrator shall preside at the meetings of the Pradesha Council.

(2) During the absence of the Administrator from any meeting of the Pradesha Council, such person as the Administrator may designate from a panel prepared by him from amongst the members of the Pradesha Council, shall preside at such meeting.

Powers and privileges of members of Pradesha Council.

12. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation and to the rules and standing orders regulating the procedure of the Pradesha Council, there shall be freedom of speech in the Pradesha Council.

(2) Neither the Administrator nor any other member of the Pradesha Council shall be liable to any proceedings in any court in respect of anything said in the Pradesha Council or any committee thereof and no person shall be so liable in respect of publication by or under the authority of the Pradesha Council of any report, paper, or proceedings.

Salaries and allowances of members of Pradesha Council.

13. Every member of the Pradesha Council other than the members referred to in clause (a) or clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 3 shall be entitled to receive such salary or allowances or both as the Administrator may, with the approval of the President, by order, determine.

Rules of procedure.

14. (1) The Pradesha Council may make rules and standing orders for regulating, subject to the provisions of this Regulation, its procedure and the conduct of its business.

(2) Until any rules or standing orders are made under sub-section (1), the procedure of the Pradesha Council and the conduct of its business shall be regulated in accordance with such general or special orders as the Administrator may make.

15. No discussion shall take place in the Pradesha Council with respect to the conduct of any Judge of the Supreme Court or of a High Court in the discharge of his duties.

Restriction on discussions in the Pradesha Council.

16. (1) The validity of any proceedings in the Pradesha Council shall not be called in question on the ground of any alleged irregularity of procedure.

Courts not to inquire into proceedings of Pradesha Council.

(2) No member of the Pradesha Council in whom powers are vested by or under this Regulation for regulating the procedure or the conduct of business of, or for maintaining order in, the Council shall be subject to the jurisdiction of any court in respect of the exercise by him of those powers.

CHAPTER III

COUNSELLORS

17. (1) The Administrator may appoint two persons as Counsellors from amongst the members of the Pradesha Council referred to in clauses (d) and (e) of sub-section (1) of section 3.

Appointment of Counsellors, their term of office, etc.

(2) A Counsellor shall hold office during the pleasure of the Administrator.

(3) Before a Counsellor enters upon his office, the Administrator shall administer to him the oaths of office and of secrecy according to the forms set out for the purpose in the Second Schedule.

(4) Every Counsellor shall be entitled to receive such salary or allowances, or both, as the Administrator may, with the approval of the President, by order, determine.

18. (1) The Administrator may, from time to time, consult any Counsellor or Counsellors on any matter relating to the administration of the Union territory and any views expressed by the Counsellor or Counsellors on such matters shall be recommendatory in nature.

Functions of Counsellors.

(2) The Administrator shall follow such procedure for consulting the Counsellors as may be prescribed by rules made under this Regulation.

CHAPTER IV

MISCELLANEOUS

19. On the constitution of the Pradesha Council under sub-section (1) of section 3, clause (m) of section 2 and section 8 of the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Village Panchayats Regulation, 1965 shall be omitted.

Amendment of Regulation 3 of 1965.

20. The provisions of this Regulation shall have the effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other law in force in the Union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

Effect of other laws.

Power
to make
rules.

21. (1) The Administrator may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules to carry out the provisions of this Regulation.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

(a) the procedure to be followed for consulting the Counsellors under sub-section (2) of section 18;

(b) any other matter for which rules are, in the opinion of the Administrator, to be made under this Regulation.

(3) Every rule made under this Regulation shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made before each House of Parliament while it is in session for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

(See section 7)

FORM OF OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO BE MADE BY A MEMBER OF PRADESH COUNCIL

"I, A B, a member of the Pradesha Council for the Union territory of the Dadra and Nagar Haveli, do swear in the name of God that I will solemnly affirm

bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter."

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

[See section 17(3)]

FORM OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR A COUNSELLOR

"I, A B, do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and solemnly affirm

allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duties as a Counsellor to the Administrator of the Union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and that I will do right to all manner of people in accordance with the Constitution and the law, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will."

FORM OF OATH OF SECRECY FOR A COUNSELLOR

"I, A B, do swear in the name of God that I will not directly or solemnly affirm

indirectly communicate or reveal to any person or persons any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as a Counsellor to the Administrator of the Union territory of the Dadra and Nagar Haveli except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties as such Counsellor."

R. VENKATARAMAN,
President.

C. RAMAN MENON,
Additional Secy. to the Govt. of India.

